

# THE DIDSBURY REVIEW



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## Fire investigation leads to pot bust

by Tamara Collins

The Didsbury RCMP responded to a fire at the greenhouses south of town on November 22nd.

The fire started in one greenhouse and quickly spread to three other adjacent greenhouses.

During the investigation into the cause of the fire it was discovered that one of the greenhouses had contained a marijuana grow operation.

"In the investigation of the fire, remnants of marijuana were discovered," said Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Tonn. "A guy from Calgary has been charged."

Police estimate 1800 marijuana plants were in different stages of growth. 49 year old Germain Dignard of Calgary has been charged with Production of Marijuana. Dignard is scheduled for his first appearance in Didsbury Provincial Court on Jan. 10th.

The cause of the fire was an electrical problem due to the grow operation.



photo by Tamara Collins

### DHS students learn about drugs

This past week the Red Deer Rebels came to the Didsbury High School to talk to the students about drugs. For the full story see page 17.

## Increasing costs continue to reduce school boards reserves

### CESD expecting only one per cent of reserves left by August 31, 2005

Shaune Mohl

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) is in bad shape financially and the board as well as the school division's ad-

ministration is hoping that the Provincial government will put some sort of long-term funding agreement into place with school boards.

At a special board meeting held last Wednesday, December 1, the school division's audited financial statements - ending August 31, 2004 - revealed that the school division is headed towards a deficit position if they continue operating the way they are.

As compared to 1998, the

school division was holding just over five per cent of their revenues in reserves, but the audited statements revealed that the school division reduced this number to 3.6 per cent for the 2003/2004 school year and that number is expected to be reduced even more-so heading into this current school year.

"We are sitting at 3.6 per cent in our reserves right now," explained CESD Treasurer Susan Roy. "However, we are projecting that reserves will dip

down to 1.6 per cent by August 31, 2005."

Roy says that she is hoping some sort of long-term funding agreement is put into place from the Province, because increasing costs just aren't keeping to par with the revenues the Province is giving to boards, like CESD.

"Our revenues have been fairly flat and our expenses have been huge," Roy said. "(To have) 3.6 per cent (in reserves) is not a bad number,

but any number below that is getting a little scary," Roy said.

And, Roy also added that the 3.6 per cent reserve level is CESD as a whole. This includes all central office reserves and school reserves. This means that not every school is in good shape.

"Not every school has 3.6 or not every area has 3.6 per cent. For example, school A could have a deficit while school 'B' still has reserves left," she said.

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## NEWS

## CESD

continued from  
front page

One area that is hurting CESD is the rising energy costs which has put a real dent in the operations and maintenance budget (O&M) which is the department responsible for paying for these resources.

In 2003/2004 CESD was left with a \$500,000 deficit in their O&M budget and are expecting to have nearly a \$350,000 deficit for this current school year, according to Roy.

"We are really in trouble with our operations and maintenance budget," Roy said.

CESD has introduced a program called, 'Destination Conservation,' which most schools are involved in, which makes schools more energy conscious.

CESD has also seen savings in energy costs in their newly constructed schools that are more energy friendly.

Energy costs for all Albertans have risen drastically, but CESD says when they have so many facilities that any rise in energy costs has a major impact on their budgets.

"The (energy) costs have risen 63.5 per cent over the past five years,"

Roy said. "We are not receiving sufficient funding to properly maintain our facilities."

The financial statements were due into Alberta Education by November 30, and although the Board is not allowed to submit a budget with a total deficit they did leave their O&M budget in a deficit position to try to get the picture across to the Province.

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## Driver wanted truck

A 21-year-old man who cut the fencing around an Olds-area impound lot to get his truck out has been ordered to complete community service hours.

Clayton G. Friedley pleaded guilty on Nov. 29 to a charge of mischief. He was scheduled to be tried on the charge but changed his plea.

The accused's vehicle was seized by police in an unrelated matter on April 10, court heard.

Early the next morning the accused cut the chain link fencing at the site and drove off with his vehicle.

The man drove to Calgary, where his mother phoned police after discovering the incident.

The accused turned himself into police the next day and subsequently repaired the fence himself.

"He was obviously not thinking right at this time," the man's lawyer said.

For his part, the accused said, "I'm deeply sorry that I've caused anyone any grief."

Calling the man's actions an "error in judgement" and "totally out of character", the judge handed him a six month conditional sentence. He also ordered him to complete 40 hours of community service.

## Driver guessed wrong

A 29-year-old man who mistakenly believed he had waited long enough after drinking to get behind the wheel has been convicted of drunk driving.

John Horner pleaded guilty on Nov. 29 to a charge of driving with a blood alcohol level greater than 80 mg per cent.

## IN THE COURTS

## Driver wanted truck

A patrolling RCMP officer spotted the accused driving on a rural road south of Didsbury on Nov. 5, court heard.

After witnessing the accused driver weaving on the road, the officer pulled him over.

His blood alcohol level was 120 mg per cent.

"He thought he had waited long enough after drinking, but he hadn't waited long enough," said defence counsel Brian Forestell.

The judge fined Horner \$750 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

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MOUNTAIN  
VIEW COUNTY**Councillor  
conduct  
in  
question?**

by Carla Victor

Councillor conduct came into question, Nov. 24, when a frustrated Mountain View County (MVC) councillor, Charlie Van Arnam, suggested some councillors' behaviour may have been out of line.

Van Arnam spoke to this, at the risk of being out of order, at the beginning of the regular monthly meeting.

"This is the second time in six weeks councillors from other divisions have been in contact with Division 2 residents," said Van Arnam. "I find that very unsatisfactory."

Van Arnam would not say which councillor or in what context Division 2 ratepayers were contacted, but did say his concerns were that "councillors are delving into things in other councillors' divisions and hearing only one side of the story."

"On Monday (Nov. 22) it happened for a second time and I don't think it is proper courtesy or the proper way to build a team," said Van Arnam. "I don't mind them talking to people in Division 2 but I think I'm owed the consideration of them telling me they are going to do it."

Van Arnam said, despite these specific instances, council is doing fine.

"There is a lot of learning going on, every time you bring a new team together the whole team has to learn to get along." A policy stating what is acceptable councillor conduct should be considered, said Van Arnam.

"The idea of creating a councillor code of conduct has come up a number of times. This isn't new, a number of other municipalities have done this," he said.

Reeve Al Kemmere said council will discuss a few separate instances relating to this topic at an upcoming December workshop.

"We will sit down and agree on how we will treat each other, the staff, the public and the media," said Kemmere.

A workshop is often used by council to discuss many different items. Kemmere said 28 items are on the list of topics to discuss. Eighteen of those topics are considered emergent. Councillor conduct is one of the 18.



Friday afternoon two grade one classes from Ross Ford came to the Didsbury Review to drop off their letters to Santa, which will be appearing in the Dec. 22nd issue of the Review.

**Letters  
to Santa**

photos by Tamara Collins

**MP Thompson meets  
with U.S. president**

by Dan Singleton

Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson has met face to face with the world's most powerful man, U.S. president George W. Bush.

During Bush's visit to Ottawa on Nov. 30, Thompson was one of only a handful of Canadian politicians to be given an audience with the American leader.

The U.S.-born Thompson, whose son Dennis is a serv-

ing member of the American Army, told Bush many, many Canadian families support him.

"I talked to him and shook his hand and he looked me in the eye when I left and he said, 'I like you man, you're my kind of guy'," said Thompson. "It really made me feel good."

"I told him there are troops over there in Iraq who are from Canadian families, including my own son, and that we are all keeping in

touch with each other as much as we possibly can, and that we were behind him 100 per cent, and he was really pleased to hear that."

"He wanted me to make sure that I said to them thank you for your sacrifice and God bless each and every one of you. I said I'd make sure they would get that message."

Thompson attended the 30-minute meeting with Conservative leader Stephen Harper, who

brought up the issue of the mad cow crisis with Bush.

"He (Harper) did a really good job of it and I'm really proud of Stephen, and I was proud to hear what George Bush had to say and it's very promising."

I think we are going to see some things happen pretty quick. It is going to take a little time and I understand that, but I think we have the right person on our side south of the border."

## MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTY

**Administration building update**

by Carla Victor

An opportunity to save approximately \$27,000 on the construction of Mountain View County's new administration building was refused by council to honour a prior commitment never to go into debt over the building.

Information on a municipal energy efficiency assistance program, known as ME First Program, was brought to council by the building committee, Nov. 24.

MVC Commissioner Harold Johnsrude informed council that by using the ME First Program, to borrow interest-free money to pay for electrical and mechanical efficiency components, a savings of up to \$27,000 could be achieved.

Adequate funds used to

pay for the \$5.5 million building are coming from grants and reserves. One of the reserves to be used temporarily is a working capital reserve. Money from the future sale of county lands will be put back into the working capital reserve to replenish funds borrowed from this account.

Past council proceeded with construction of this controversial building under the premise there would be no debt or tax increases specific to this project.

Council has achieved this, but using the ME First Program would allow MVC to use government funds while leaving their money in reserves to collect interest.

The ME First Program is a five-year, \$100 million dollar interest-free loan program to assist municipalities undertaking energy efficiency projects. All municipalities with a population

between 1,000 and 100,000 are eligible for loans up to \$35 per capita. Through this program, MVC's maximum loan eligibility would be \$424,690.

Councillor Charlie Van Arnam summed up council's decision as borrowing from themselves or someone else.

"To me, as a business man, anytime I have the opportunity to use interest free money I think it is worth while considering," said Van Arnam. "It seems to make sense to me to take advantage of interest free money."

In order to use the ME First Program, council would have had to pass a borrowing bylaw.

"To throw this in now is a time bomb," said Councillor Arnie Shea, speaking to the fact council would be borrowing money for the administration building.

Councillor Liz Negropontes agreed.

"I think it would be prudent to honour tax payers by not going into debt," she said, asking "is it really worth it?"

Before giving this bylaw three readings, Van Arnam advised council: "I want to make it abundantly clear we are kissing \$27,000 goodbye (if council does not pass this borrowing bylaw)."

Blain answered: "We aren't kissing \$27,000 goodbye; we are not borrowing half a million."

Councillors voted 4-3 in favour of first and second reading for this borrowing bylaw, Councillors Negropontes, Blain and Shea voting against.

As with any bylaw, a unanimous consent is needed to bring the third and final reading to the table for a vote. This was not achieved.

## OPINIONS EDITORIAL

### 60 years of marriage



TAMARA COLLINS  
EDITORIAL

I had a wonderful time interviewing Murray and Agatha McRae this week for the story I did on their 60 years of marriage.

It is always wonderful to see a couple who has made it through so many years and changes.

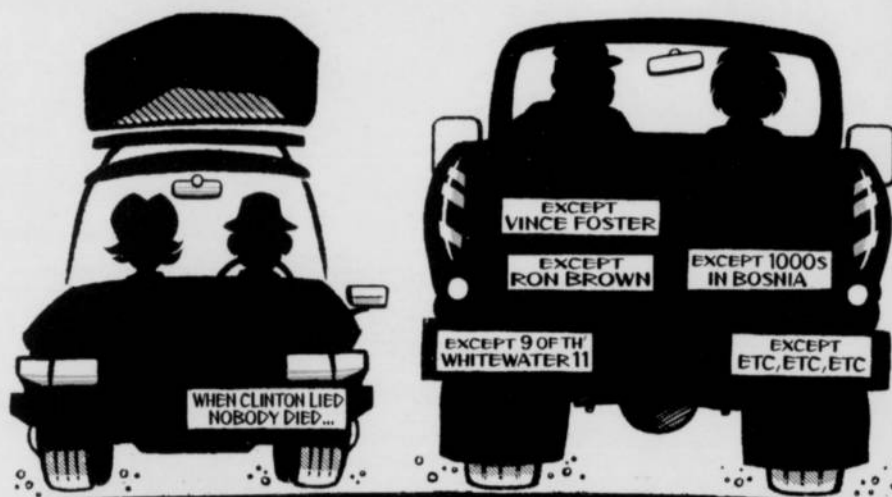
What I really enjoyed about them is how they put each other first. Both were very eager to share the others accomplishments and talents.

The couple is also very involved in the community, keeping them on the go.

I hear often these days, about how high divorce rates are and it is really too bad.

It is nice to meet a wonderful couple who is still so in love after 60 years, you are a role model for everyone.

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TRAFFICKING IN THE CLINTON LEGACY...

### Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

#### "Love Came Down at Christmas"

Once again, the Christmas Season is fast approaching. So often we hear those words "Love came down at Christmas" - "Love" is a word used many times each day in a great number of instances, but have we ever thought of the deeper meaning of the word 'love'?

Recently, I read where Bill Morrow asked a number of children to define 'love', and here are just a few of the answers he received. Each one gives us food for thought.

A seven year old responded "love is what is in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen" - a wise insight.

Another said "You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it you should say it a lot". (Age 8) How do we fare on this one?

A third, "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends, even after they know each other so well. (Age 6)

Again, Love is what makes you smile when you are tired" (Age 4)

From a four year old; "when someone loves you, the way they say your name is different, you know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Children so often catch a deeper meaning and magic to the word 'love' - love is about others, involves others. The greatest love in the world was the love that came down at Christmas, and with it the reminder that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.... How can we best show our love this Christmas?

#### MLA REPORT

## Klein names new Cabinet, reorganizes some portfolios

Creation of Advanced Education portfolio recognizes postsecondary as a priority. New faces at the Cabinet table and new assignments for Cabinet veterans are the highlights of the new Cabinet team named by Premier Ralph Klein.

"This Cabinet brings together experience and new perspectives, and I believe those who now sit at the Cabinet table are the best team to lead Alberta into its centennial year and beyond," said Klein.

The new Cabinet make-up includes a new ministry and some changes to old portfolios. With the increased emphasis on post-secondary education in the government's 20-year strategic plan, the former ministry of Learning has been split into Education (for K-12 education) and Advanced Education (for postsecondary education). The old Finance and Revenue portfolios have been merged into a single Finance ministry. The previous Infrastructure and Transportation portfolios have been combined into one Infrastruc-

ture and Transportation ministry.

The Seniors ministry has had responsibility for community supports added, including the Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped and Persons with Development Disabilities programs, and is therefore renamed Seniors and Community Supports.

The newly created portfolio of Restructuring and Government Efficiency will include responsibility for the Alberta Corporate Service Centre (previously under Government Services) and the Corporate Chief Information Officer (formerly with Innovation and Science). The Restructuring and government Efficiency Minister will also be responsible for developing ideas and policies to streamline the delivery of government services.

"The new restructuring ministry will help government in focusing on its most important job, which is providing programs and services to Albertans effectively and efficiently," Klein said. "The job is not about reductions or cutbacks. It's about Improv-

ing and simplifying as much as possible, the organization of government.

Klein also commented on the other structural changes. "The new Finance ministry brings in the former Revenue department to once again offer a seamless, single ministry responsible for overall fiscal policy. With the development of our new Capital Plan process, which combines transportation and infrastructure initiatives, it made sense to merge the two departments.

And the new Advanced Education ministry will bring a timely focus to the role of postsecondary education for Alberta's future," said Klein.

"I'm also pleased to note that two MLAs will sit at the Cabinet table as Caucus Liaisons," Klein noted. "Cindy Ady (Calgary Shaw) will represent southern Alberta, and Hector Goudreau (Dunvegan-Central Peace) will represent northern Alberta."

The new Cabinet was sworn in at a ceremony at Government House at 11:00 a.m. on November 25. The first meeting of Cabinet was at 2:00 p.m. that day in the Legislature Cabinet Room.



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# FROM THE MAILBAG

## What is a down home Christmas?

Dear Editor,

To me it is created when people who care about each other take the time to share a part of themselves with those around them and as a result change happens.

Christmas Helpers is inviting everyone in Didsbury to become involved again this year in making Christmas a bright ray of hope to those who for one reason or another have found 2004 to be a heavy burden. Increased utilities, sickness, loss of jobs, disabilities, etc. take many people's limited income and to add to those pressures Christmas, people stagger under the heavy load.

Each year Christmas Helpers collect NON-PERISHABLE FOOD, GIFTS for MEN, WOMEN, TEENS, CHILDREN, to help lessen the pressure of Christmas in the lives of people in Didsbury and it's borders! This is only accomplished through the unselfish giving individuals, organizations, businesses, schools and churches. Money donated is used to purchase the meat vouchers and staple food items. Please do what you can to help 2004 campaign be a success.

NEEDED

A new program we have created is the "Angel Tree" located at Marko's Bistro Didsbury Bakery.

1. Select an angel for the tree. It has the age, and sex example girl 10 yrs.

2. Buy an age appropriate gift.

3. Attach the angel to the unwrapped gift and give it to the friendly staff at the Post Office.

Enjoy shopping and please know that you are making a difference in a families' Christmas. Please be informed that along side of this we are also accepting gently used and new toys at the Post Office. Also needed are gifts for teens, Moms and Dads.

Donations of nonperishable food can be made at the AG Foods or directly to the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church located in the Rosebud Valley. Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Names of people who need this help can be submitted to the Church at 335-3629. Please have names, ages of children, complete address and a phone number where we can reach

those you are recommending for help. Cash or cheque donations can be made at the Church during office hours.

Thank-you in advance for your unselfish giving.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

Dec. 21: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Gift wrapping. A fun time for families & individuals

Meet at ZEMC. I encourage you to make this event a Christmas Tradition.

Dec. 22 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hampers made & delivered. Volunteers needed.

Dec. 25

1:00 p.m. at Elks' Hall Didsbury. Down Home Christmas Dinner sponsored by the Christmas Helpers. Don't spend Christmas alone. Come and enjoy a home cooked meal with others who for one reason or another find themselves alone. Bring a wrapped gift for exchange.

Questions, donations, names, ideas's just call ZEMC at 335-3629 or Linda Sirt 335-4832 or 335-2378.

Have a blessed Christmas

Sincerely,  
Linda Sirt & Linda Regner

## Correction

In last weeks newspaper we printed an article called, "Marz looking forward to third term as MLA." In the article we incorrectly stated that the Alberta Alliance Party did not win any seats in the recent Provincial election. It was later brought to our attention that the Alliance Party did in fact win one seat in the riding of, Cardston-Taber-Warner.

We apologize for the error.

## We support AAA Cattle

Dear Editor,

We as a family would like to express support for AAA Cattle Company. We manage a cow/calf operation and therefore rely heavily on the feedlot industry for price discovery. We also own a quarter section of land bordering AAA feedlot that has a dugout. We have had concern regarding the development of this project and have been involved in open dialogue with the owners. In no way do we feel misled or misinformed about AAA Cattle Company's plans for expansion. We also are satisfied that they have met environmental standards. The owners of AAA Cattle Company have always been good neighbors and very willing to be part of the community. They have made every effort to remain non-confrontational and have tried to avoid anything that may split our community worse than it already is.

As producers of food we are very concerned about how tight we tie our hands. We all have environmental responsibilities and owning a small operation doesn't excuse us from poor practices. We are all aware that a feedlot is a definite asset to an agricultural based community in various ways: manure is available to neighbors, standing crops or hauled out crops and weed patches can be sold for silage. Feed

grain, tough grain or bottom of the bin grain can also be taken there. Ultimately we all as agricultural producers need and support the feedlot industry. We feel that shipping grain and livestock to other feedlots and opposing AAA is very contradictory and non supportive of an agricultural based community.

We feel that we must always remind ourselves that this is an agricultural based community. The statement has been made that this is not a personal issue but it in fact has become very personal and divisive in the community.

We don't know how deep AAA or Lone Pine's pockets are, but this is a no win situation. There is at present a feedlot set up and

whether or not it is AAA, there will continue to be one.

Our question is - have we pushed the powers that be too far? When we look to the future of our family operation for expansion we see that the rules are attainable but the costs definitely are not.

Also, how long do we keep this dissension going - until the bridges are completely burned and irreparable or do we start now to make amends so that agriculture in this community can compliment each identity. We have very serious concerns.

Sincerely,

Lyle Brown, Betty Brown,  
Michael Brown, Jonathan Ewert, Tracy Brown Ewert

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Only those at high risk of contracting influenza disease or those who can transmit influenza to those at high risk are eligible to receive a vaccination.

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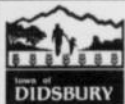
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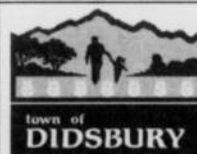


## Town of Didsbury Family and Community Support Services 2005 Programs

The Town of Didsbury FCSS Advisory Board is now accepting funding applications for 2005 Family and Community Support Services programs. Organizations currently receiving funding will be receiving an application form in the mail in the upcoming weeks. Other organizations may pick up a funding application and eligibility criteria information from the Town Office.

Applications must be recieved by December 31st, 2004.

For more information please contact Michelle Honeyman, FCSS Coordinator.  
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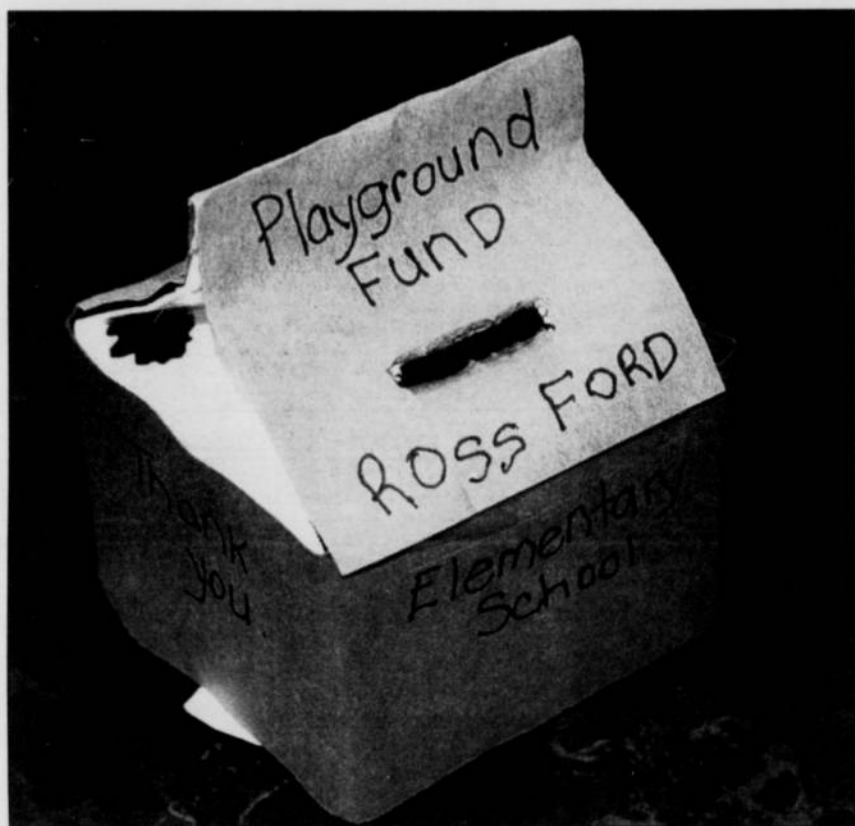
### MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

December 21, 2004 - Council Chambers, Town Office

### LIFELINE MEETING:

December 13, 2004 - Town Office Meeting Room

# Help Ross Ford students get a new playground



by Tamara Collins

If you have noticed some little milk boxes on counters at local businesses, be aware of what they are for.

Ross Ford school will lose three pieces of equipment, and that will leave them with only two pieces.

"All the equipment on the north side will be gone," said Sharon Tsiras, new playground parent organizer. "There is no funding from Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) for new playground equipment, so we have to raise the money ourselves."

The school is losing three pieces of equipment, which are all wood structures, due to safety issues.

"We have contacted Child Space in Olds, because that is as local as we can get," said Tsiras. "They also have all Canadian products, unlike other companies we talked too, which used American products. One structure will cost us \$80,000."

There is a grant offered by Alberta Lotteries, that will match every dollar the community can raise.

"Our goal is to raise \$40,000," said Tsiras. "If we raise more, then maybe we can also get some smaller pieces of equipment such as tire swings."

CESD does not fund playground equipment because they do not receive funding

from the Province for it. According to CESD, whenever a school is in need of playground equipment, it is the community's responsibility to raise the money. Once the equipment is in place, CESD offers help from a maintenance person who is there to give advice on the best equipment, and to look after it.

Tsiras also plans on contacting local clubs and groups for support.

Almost every business in town is carrying a milk box, labelled Ross Ford Playground Fund. Donations to this boxes would be really appreciated by Ross Ford staff, students and parents.

"The community has to realize that it is not only the students that use that playground," said Tsiras. "It is utilized by the entire community and is open 24/7.

Many parents play softball and soccer in the field, and while they are playing their children use the park. It is a resource everyone uses."

The boxes which were made by the grade 4 students will come down at the end of January. If enough money has not been raised they will try again in September.

"We may do the same thing, or we may come up with a new idea if we have not raised the money by the end of January," said Tsiras.

Other ways they are raising money is through pizza days at school, cook books for sale for \$12, \$1 from every Macys combo pizza pack sold is donated, \$3 from every service package Ron's Auto sells in donated, and \$1 from every poinsettia sold at Victoria's Flowers will

be donated, all until Christmas.

"Other businesses are welcome to join in too," said Tsiras. "We need all the support we can get."

Once the equipment is paid for, there will still be a need for volunteers to help put the equipment in place.

"We will need money for the installation of the equipment too," said Tsiras. "We may need to lay cement, but we are hoping volunteers will help out."

The ultimate goal is to

have a playground with several pieces of equipment.

According to Tsiras a tire swing and a twirly slide would be great with the structure they presently want.

"Ross Ford and Westglen share the field, so if we could even get another piece to put further in the field for Westglen students, that would be wonderful," said Tsiras. "We are really in a desperate need for this equipment in our community."

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I wish to take this opportunity to Congratulate Richard Marz for his win in the November 22 election.

I also wish to thank the other parties which participated in the Candidate forums and a special thanks to the organizers of the forums.

Then there is a real special thanks to all those people who voted and supported me and the Alberta Alliance party. I will be vigilant on the Government's performance.

The Alliance Party and myself will be working to position ourselves for the next election.

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# Neighborhood

## Celebrating 60 years of marriage

By Tamara Collins

On Nov. 6th a local couple celebrated 60 years of marriage, surrounded by all their friends and family. Agatha and Murray McRae have lived in Didsbury for 54 years, almost as many years as they have been married.

Throughout the past 60 years the couple has been blessed with five children, 15 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

"The last part has gone by so fast," said Agatha. "Time went by slower when we had little children."

The couple likes to keep busy and stay involved in the community. They floor curl, carpet bowl, golf, play shuffle board, and volunteer.

"It is important to do things together," said Agatha. "I also garden and Murray is still active in real estate."

The pair volunteer at the Didsbury hospital, Aspen Lodge, and for Meals on Wheels.

"It is important to get out and help the community," said Agatha. "Look after others as well as yourself."

Murray also spends some time driving cancer patients into Calgary.

In celebration of their 60th anniversary the couple received a card from the Queen, and two pins from Richard Marz, MLA.

The celebrations took place at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, which was

filled with people.

"We were married in 1944, war time, so we had just our families at the wedding," said Murray. "For our 25th anniversary we had a big party at the old rugby hall."

For 40 of the 60 years the McRae's lived on a farm outside of Didsbury.

"We have been very lucky health wise," said Agatha. "A lot of people are not as fortunate. We are also blessed to have such a wonderful family."

Murray enjoys spending some of his time doing wood working.

"I have been doing it for 10 to 12 years," said Murray. "I had no time when we lived on the farm. I make pens and pen holders also."

Almost every winter Murray and Agatha go to Arizona for a couple of months. They will be going this year after Christmas. They have also been to Florida, the Philippines, Scotland, and Mexico.

"We have a trailer in Mesa," said Agatha. "We will leave the day after Christmas."

Agatha likes to spend her extra time doing crafts, painting, and doing needle work.

"I have just mastered hardanger in needle pointing," said Agatha. "It keeps me busy."

Their secret to a happy successful marriage...

"We try to laugh a lot," said Agatha. "And we like to take one day at a time."



Agatha and Murray McRae at their 60th wedding anniversary celebration.



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# NEIGHBORHOOD

## AROUND THE CIRCLE

# Senior High Youth Christmas banquet at the ZEMC

by Marge St. Clair

### Wed. Dec. 8

Come to the Christmas Pot-luck dinner at the 5-0 Centre at 12:30 p.m. Please bring veggies, salad or dessert to go along with the Turkey.

### Thurs. Dec. 9

The Chamber of Commerce will meet at the 5-0 Centre, doors open at 6:00 p.m., a short meeting at 6:30 p.m. and supper is at 7:00 p.m.

### Fri. Dec. 10

Senior High Youth Christmas banquet at the ZEMC. Contact Pastor Colin for more information.

### Fri. Dec. 10

Get your tickets from Vern at 335-4436 for the Community Banquet at Lone Pine Hall. Mountain View Evangelical Church has invited Cindy Palin to entertain.

### Fri. Dec. 10

Cribbage will be played at the 5-0 Centre starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone welcome, coffee & goodies served.

### Sat. Dec. 11

Support the home town Colts when they play against Okotoks at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m.

### Sunday, Dec. 12

Children's Christmas Musical entitled "Cradle, Cross and Crown" at ZEMC at 10:45 a.m.

### Mon. Dec. 13

The Didsbury Life-line Society will meet at the Town Office at 10:00 a.m.

### Tues. Dec. 14

Dr. Nugent, foot specialist will be at the 5-0 Centre from 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. No appointment necessary.

### Thurs. Dec. 16

All seniors are welcome to come to Eldon Foote Hall from 1:00

p.m. - 4:00 p.m. There will be a Gift Exchange and an early Christmas Party. This will be the last gathering until mid Jan. 2005.

### Sat. Dec. 18

The Mountain View Colts will play against Three Hills at 8:00 p.m. On Sun. Dec. 19, the Colts will play here against Red Deer at 4:00 p.m. There will be no games over the holidays, next home game is

### Jan. 8

First notice of the Live Nativity at the Redeemer Lutheran Church on Dec. 21, 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Also the Didsbury Aquatic Centre will be open on Dec. 24 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for a public swim and will be closed all day Sat. Dec. 25 and also Sat. Jan. 1/05.

Flu Clinics, by ap-


pointment are being held at the Didsbury Hospital from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Thurs. Dec. 9th, Thurs. Dec. 16 and Thurs. Dec. 23. Phone the Health Unit at 335-7292 for more info.

I know it's a month until New Years Eve, but you want to plan to get your tickets early for the dance at the Elks Hall, sponsored by the Didsbury Elks Club.






Doors open at 8:00 p.m., D.J.

Music, midnight lunch, drive home service. Seating is limited, tickets at 335-9213 or 335-8814.

And there will be a New Year's Eve dance on Dec. 31 at Lone Pine Hall, doors open at 8:00 p.m., dance at 9:00 p.m. to the Dean Ray Band, Late night lunch, tickets from 337-2223 or 335-4035.




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# St. Cyprian's A.C.W. News

by Merrilee Anthony

Our thanks to the community for their support of our Christmas Pudding Tea; it was an outstanding success! Plans for next year's Tea were formulated at our meeting held this week. It will be an exciting event!

Members have been busy. The church hall kitchens were cleaned this past month and our group prepared and shipped 32 boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Project. We thank the members who participated in both of these projects.

There are just a few Church Calendars left. These can be picked up after Sunday service or contact Myrna Watt.

We have received a CD on the Ugandan Orphanage project and will be viewing it at our next meeting.

As Advent is upon us, we were reminded of the significance of the Advent Wreath. It provides a visual way to count off the four Sundays of the season.

The wreath's circle has no beginning or ending, symbolizing God's love which never ends. We use evergreen to symbolize everlasting life. The holly reminds us of the crown of thorns, with the drops of blood. These two Easter symbols are used at Christmas because if Jesus hadn't risen from the dead we would not be celebrating his birth. The purple candles symbolize our penitence and the pink one the joy of God's forgiveness. The central white candle, the Christ candle, represents purity and new beginnings.

With Christmas fast approaching, a story entitled, Confessions of a Bell Ringer, was read to conclude our meeting. It tells of Betty Snyder, a retired teacher, who decided she needed something new to do for the Christmas Season and took up the challenge of Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army. Betty thought it would get her out in the commu-

nity to watch the season unfold.

Her street corner job brought Betty a new perspective on giving. She had been a teacher for 25 years and now she was a student. She learned how to ease the ache in her hands and shoulders by switching hands often. That singing carols to herself helped pass the time and that car exhaust is more noticeable if you are stuck in one spot. The carpet remnant her husband suggested she stand on eased her tired feet. She called out Merry Christmas and God Bless You many times over. At the end of her time she had realized that a bell Ringer's job is; Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over. What a great chance she had to help people do just that.

Next month's meeting will be in the form of a Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 13th at the home of Jean Freeman.

## DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

# DHS Annual Christmas concert Celebration

Once again, it's your opportunity to take a breather during your busy preparations for Christmas to take in the Sounds of the Season as presented by the music students of Didsbury High School. Quickly becoming a highlight of the Season, the annual Christmas Concert and tea will take place Sunday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in the Westglen School Gym. You will be entertained by both the Grade 9 and Senior concert bands, as well as the DHS Jazz Ensemble. Joining the DHS Chorale Group this year will be the newly formed Jazz Vocal Group. This is a style that band students learned to appreciate last year at the Rocky Mountain Music

Festival in Banff. These talented musicians are directed by music Director Kirk Wassmer and Choir Director, Jeannie Hunter.

Almost as entertaining as the music is the lively bidding at the Silent Auction tables. This is your chance to pick up some unique Christmas gifts, decorations or a special something for yourself and benefit the band students as well. All monies raised for the auction go directly into the travel accounts of the band students to put toward travel expenses. This year, the grade Nine band is off to an unknown destination, while the Senior Band travels to Whistler, B.C. For the first time, the Jazz Ensemble is going to a fes-

tival - the prestigious Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho. Unfortunately, plans for the Senior Band to go to Cuba in the spring had to be put on hold due to lack of participation. Many thanks to all the generous people of Didsbury who hired band students to perform chores to raise funds for this trip. The money will be put to good use to help pay travel expenses for this year's upcoming festival trips.

Plan to attend this festive event, a refreshing pause in your hectic schedule. The Didsbury High School Society and all DHS music students extend to you wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

## Committed to responsible resource development



### All stakes at the table

Commercial cattle rancher Delano Tolley has seen some big changes in the Cold Lake area since he bought his Cherry Grove quarter section here almost 30 years ago. The growing number of families and industry has brought prosperity, but along with it increased demands on shared resources like water.

So last year Tolley joined LICA and became a member of its Regional Water Monitoring Committee. "I'm concerned about ground water for my livestock and personal use," he says.

LICA stands for Lakeland Industry and Community Association and is what's known as a synergy group. Synergy groups are typically multi-stakeholder collaborations made up of industry, community and regulators who come together to address concerns like Tolley's. "I thought it would be valuable to help, and learn all about agricultural water levels, industrial usage and volumes and what we can do about water levels," he says.

The group got its start in 2000 when the Cold Lake Beaver River Basin was facing a massive update of a 1985 water management plan. Oil and gas producers active in the area hosted an open house and offered to develop a process that would include them all. Over 200 people showed up, and within ten months LICA opened its new office.

"LICA works, it's good to have everyone sit down at the same table. It's important to us that sustainable development is done in a responsible manner so that the environment is not compromised," says LICA Chairman and long-time Cold Lake resident Ron Pernarowski.

There are now over 60 synergy groups throughout Alberta. You can learn more at [www.synergialberta.ca](http://www.synergialberta.ca).



Cold Lake rancher Delano Tolley

### The cows didn't even notice

Cows continued to graze the Margaret Lakes area of southern Alberta while Shell Canada Limited completed their seismic survey this year.

Shell faced a challenge when they proposed to complete the second phase of their two-year seismic survey which included the privately-owned Margaret Lakes area. Cattle share this densely vegetated space with deer, moose and elk as well as large ground-nesting birds such as herons. There had to be a way to minimize disturbance.



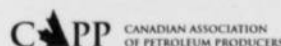
Cows continue to graze while Shell Canada completed their seismic survey

Seismic is a first step in oil and gas exploration. Equipment sends out sound waves that bounce off underground rock formations to help reveal locations of oil and natural gas deposits. To reduce surface disturbances, helicopters are normally used to place the seismic equipment. But helicopter noise would have been too troublesome to the wildlife in the area.

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (ASRD), the agency responsible for approving seismic surveys in the province, and Shell had an alternate solution. Impact would be minimized by creating short segments of seismic lines using quieter machines called mulchers that mulch dense underbrush while leaving root systems intact.

"At first it seemed counter-intuitive," says Rob Symonds, Vice President of Shell's Foothills business unit. "But these small segments open up the dense, bushy vegetation to create access for large wildlife and encourage the growth of forage for these animals. Over the long term it is expected to enhance habitat for larger wildlife." Nesting conditions for the larger birds are also enhanced.

ASRD appreciates this kind of industry approach. John Begg, Acting Head of the Petroleum Land Use and Reclamation Section at ASRD says "Shell's efforts in the Waterton Lakes area are an example of how the footprint from seismic operations can be reduced, even dramatically so, through planning, the use of appropriate equipment and a conscious effort to minimize impacts."



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## NEIGHBORHOOD

# Cremona Lions Christmas Report

by **Charlie Bird**  
and **Ken Naidoo**

## October 12 Regular Meeting

**Cremona Lions Dues:** This year the amount will be \$160 this combines International dues and supper costs.

**Cremona School:** A letter of thanks was received from school Guidance Counsellor Ruth Dougherty for our donations towards the Volunteerism Scholarship Awards and the English 33 and Social Studies 33 Awards.

**Cremona Skating Club:** A donation of \$200 was made to assist a 'needy child'.

**Retinitis Pigmentosis:** A request was received from a family with this problem. It was referred to a committee for a decision.

**Cremona Lions Annual Auction:** October 16. Lion Doug Sherriffs reported that the 'Garage Sale' will be between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., followed by the Auction Sale in the evening. Most of the planning is in place.

## October 26: Regular Meeting:

**Retinitis Pigmentosis:** The Taylor Family received a donation of \$1000 in this regard.

**35th Anniversary Pin:** Lion Bruce Roy will head the Committee which will look into this. Santa's Anonymous: A donation of \$500 was made to the seasonal request for this organization.

**Lions Auction:** Auctioneer Dwight Boychuck attended our supper meeting as guest; once again he refused remuneration for his work, and in doing so expressed how much he enjoyed working with our Lions on this project. We truly appreciate your services, Dwight.

This appears to be our best Lions Auction ever. A tremendous amount of work was done by Lions in general, but especially by a few individuals and their wives. Some of the unsold items from the Garage Sale were donated to the "Mustard Seed" Womens Shelter, etc.

The work party on the Wednesday prior to the sale 'was tremendous': Lion Larry. The Club's effort to 'reward' those who worked so hard was graciously refused. Your work has not gone unnoticed, Lions (and your wives!).

The Auction Sale for 2005 will be held on

Saturday, October 29. November 8: Regular Meeting:

**Cremona School Band:** represented by Loree Sheehan and Lori Nixon, and accompanied by their daughters, gave a video presentation of their recent Band Trip. It was refreshing to receive feedback in regard to how our donation dollars were utilized. Lion Bruce Roy appeared to have had a great time on the trip (as a chaperone, no less). We hope he was on his best behaviour. English 33/Social Studies 33 Scholarship: We were pleased to receive

a note of thanks from Jenna Lippert, for our donation in this regard.

**Cremona Skating Club:** We received a thank you note regarding our recent donation. **Blind Bowlers Association:** A donation of \$ 50 was made to this organization. **Encounters Canada:** D. Warner received a donation of \$250 in this regard for his trip in January, 2005

**Visitations:** Lion Chuck reported that this year our twin club is Keoma. A visitation date will be announced soon.

**Lions Eye Bank:** A donation of \$500 to this

organization was approved.

**November 22: Regular Meeting:** (Lion Bruce A. Roy, 'Acting' Chairman, who found it impossible to chaperone his gavel).

**Lions Youth Camp:** Some years ago, a prime 17 acre parcel of land along the Dogpound River was donated by Cremona Lion Lionel Bird to be used as a Youth Camp site. It was then named the 'Lions Youth Camp'.

At the recent Lions newly demarcated District 0 Convention in Calgary, it was unanimously renamed "The

Lion Lionel Bird Youth Camp". We at Cremona Lions are happy to be associated (if only in name) with this institution. Lion Lionel you are very deserving of the accolades you receive, and have received, for your most generous donation. We also keenly know how you feel in this regard, but believe us when we tell you we must express how we feel'.

**Lions Auction Sale 2004:** Many individual donors assisted us in this regard. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation.

**Western Canada Blind Golfers Association:** A note of thanks was received from this group for our donation.

**Cremona Lions Volunteerism Scholarship:** We received a letter of thanks from Katia Reid. A Thank You Note: from Sidney Cummings was also received.

**District U Convention:** Several of our Lions attended this convention. Our regular 'reporter', Lion Boyd Osborne, as usual gave a detailed and interesting account of the affair. We appreciate the feedback, Lion Boyd.



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by Tamara Collins

## A carillon for the museum

The Didsbury Museum is expecting to have an exciting gift to share with the town before Christmas...a carillon from an old Didsbury church.

The Didsbury Mission of

the Evangelical Association held its first service in March 1903 under the guidance of Rev. C.G. Kaatz. According to Glenda Hunsberger from the Didsbury Museum and the

Historical Society, the church was officially dedicated in August of that year. By 1908, when Rev. Kaatz left the parish, 147 members were enrolled at the church.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 31st, 1933 the church, then known as the Zion Evangelical Church caught fire and burned to the ground. In 1934 the congregation rebuilt the building as it is today. In 1946, because of a merger between the Evangelical church and the United Brethren Church, the little church by the Post Office became known as the Zion Evangelical United Brethren Church. Then in 1968 as the result of another merger, this time with the Methodist Church, it became known as the United Methodist Church.

Today the Evangelical Church has merged with the Didsbury Missionary

Church and is now part of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in the Rosebud valley. The building now houses Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Weins family.

Throughout the years the church had a carillon it used on Sundays. The carillon went to the museum, and recently a volunteer took it home to get it working again.

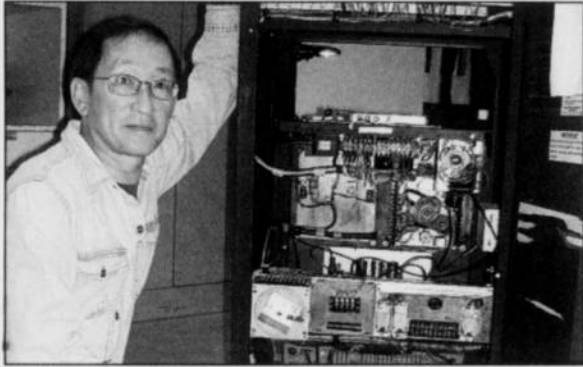
"I had never heard one before," said Jerry Kaita. "My wife Judy and I moved here in May and we started volunteering at the museum. I noticed the carillon and it was electronic looking, so I thought it was a project I could take on."

No documents are with the carillon, so Kaita had a struggle finding out how to do things. He was looking on the internet and found out a church in Minnesota was giving one away.

"I called them up and they had the manual for it," said Kaita. "They copied it and sent it to me. It is quite a mechanical piece of equipment."

Kita managed to get the carillon working again and is excited to set it up in the museum. "I am not sure how often they want it to chime," said Kaita. "It could chime on the hour if they wanted it to. After it chimes I can even program it to play music."

Music from the carillon may soon fill the streets of Didsbury just in time for Christmas.



## Centennial calendars to benefit seniors

Two Alberta women are taking on a big project to benefit the seniors in the province.

In celebration of the Centennial year, Margaret Mayer of Penhold and Nicky Ehrler of Calgary want all 12 volumes of *100 Years of Alberta* series to be donated to every lodge and manor in Alberta. The first target group for the women is the Airdrie to Red Deer area.

"We heard how the Lions Clubs were going to start donating the books to the schools next spring," said Mayer. "We thought it would

be a good idea to also donate them to the seniors, since they are part of the past."

The two women want to get the communities involved in the projects in a big way. They have figured out that if ten businesses of each community can sell ten *Alberta in the 20th Century* Centennial calendars, then each community can donate a set of the books to their lodge or manor.

"We are just getting started, but we are very excited," said Mayer. "Our goal is to donate the books by Jan. 15th."

The women also hope to get the community centennial committees involved in their project.

Every business that sells ten calendars will have their name inscribed on the inside cover of one book in the series, so it will include the ten business names in total. "We are really excited to work with the different communities," said Mayer. "The seniors are our history, let us give them this birthday gift."

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# Olds and District Music Teachers Association's annual scholarship recital

The Olds and District Music Teachers Association's annual scholarship recital was held at First Baptist Church, Olds on Saturday, November 20. The evening

began with a recital by students of member teachers. The audience enjoyed a varied program of piano, voice, violin and percussion music. Following the recital,

scholarships were presented to the following students for obtaining the highest marks in the Olds area in the past year's exams:

Gr. 2 Rudiments - Heather Nelson, Avery Nixon  
Gr. 3 History - Jolene McArthur

Gr. 3 Harmony - Ryan Hoeve  
Adult Theory - Janice Parson



Back row: Ryan Hoeve, Breana Venneman, Alex Edgar, Jennifer Fate, Janice Parson  
Middle row: Emily Christopherson, Alycia Marcellus, Jolene McArthur, Heather Nelson  
Front row: Aaron Brinch, Harrison Berg, Joanie Russell

**PIANO**  
Gr. 1 - Jared Foat  
Gr. 2 - Alycia Marcellus  
Gr. 3 - Emily Christopherson  
Gr. 4 - Breana Venneman  
Gr. 7 - Joanie Russell  
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Gr. 9 - Cheryl Tompkins  
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Gr. 3-4 - Jennifer Fate

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## NEIGHBORHOOD

# Courts *continued from page 2*

Culp stepped in to the fight in Didsbury Jan. 31.

On Oct. 18, Culp faced a charge of assault causing bodily harm; he pleaded guilty to assault.

During the fight Culp was knelt over the victim when he struck him, causing serious injury.

Along with probation, Culp is ordered to complete counselling and treatment, and to refrain from alcohol and weapons.

## Police watch Kelowna man veer off road impaired

At 3:00 a.m. Oct. 5, on the airport road west of Sundre, district police witnessed an on-coming car 200 yards up the road swerve part-way into the ditch, simply to allow them room to pass.

The suspicious driving pattern forced the officers to pull the man over.

Grant James Galigan, 34, was found in his driver's seat with an open bottle of liquor and an empty beer can in his vehicle.

Court heard Galigan had slurred speech when approached by police, and had fairly significant difficulty in walking.

Judge Fraser warned the man his \$1,150 fine plus probation could have been much worse.

"You understand there was a process here that could have sent you to jail," he said to Galigan, "The penalty has to be a penalty that has a deterrent value. I think you should lose your license for longer."

That reaction stems from a similar 2000 conviction where Galigan was driving in Kelowna with too much alcohol in his blood.

Galigan handed over his operator's license to the clerk in the courtroom after receiving the fine and probation.

He has until March 31 to pay.

## Couple guilty of theft from Olds Hotel

In Dec. 2001, the Olds Hotel was taken for \$3,728.50 by someone in a position of trust, an employee.

Laurinda M. Melville stole the money while working at the hotel, then left with the money, and her accomplice Gordon Rynard Wheeler, for British Columbia.

Five months later on Apr. 13, 2002, Melville phoned her old job from B.C. to confess to the theft and promised to try to get the money together to pay it back.

"I want to apologize for my lack of judgement" Melville said to provincial

court Dec. 1, in response to her first criminal offence.

Wheeler however, has been in trouble previously, and Judge Fraser told him "The fact that you pleaded guilty is keeping you out of jail."

Both had tendered pleas of guilty to theft under \$5,000 Aug 23.

Wheeler's exact role in the theft isn't clear, and the evidence against him slim,

leaving him with a slightly reduced sentence compared to Melville's.

Melville received a suspended sentence of 18 months, 100 community service hours, and the order to pay back \$1,864.25 to the hotel.

Wheeler was also given

probation for 18 months, 50 hours community service, and also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,864.25.

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# Mugs Coffee House



Sarah Code and Rochelle Byiers are ready to serve you



Enjoy the comfort of a small town coffee shop at Mugs Coffee House, located on Main Street. Rochelle Byiers recently bought Mugs, and she and her family have been busy renovating and redoing the small coffee house.

The entire front end of the store was gutted, with new floors, counters, and paint, all being completed in less than a week.

Rochelle's husband designed and built all the new cupboards and the new counter.

The Mugs customer base has grown and Rochelle sees new faces all the time.

"I took some of Darlene's ideas and put them with my own," said Byiers. "I have a lot of people say they have never been in before, now they are coming in all the time."

Rochelle has hired a new baker, so now everyday there is fresh muffins, cakes, and granola bars.

"We like to support other local people," said Byiers. "We have work from many local artists hanging up, CDs from the Polyjesters, and cookies from the Cookie Jar girls."

Rochelle is increasing her coffee knowledge with a Barista training course on-line, and wants to eventually take a class.

"I want to learn how to do it properly," said Byiers. "I love to do new things. I now know how to properly grind espresso."

Presently Mugs is offering egg nog lattes as a seasonal drink.

"We are working on pulling together a really good group of staff," said Byiers. "We will be extending our hours from 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday."

Mugs will also feature an open mic night in the future for local musicians, writers, and poets.

Mugs is now open Sundays until Christmas time.



## NEIGHBORHOOD

## NOTES FROM NIGERIA

## Working out for the Holidays

## Dear family and friends,

Imagine packing everything you own into one piece of luggage that weighs only about 45 pounds.

That's what happened to some of our missionary colleagues in Cote d'Ivoire this past week.

Because of the turmoil there they had to evacuate and they were only allowed to take 20 kilograms of possessions with them. There has been fighting in some parts of the city of Abidjan and looting in many areas. Please pray for safety for the missionaries still there and wisdom for those that have already left. They will need to make decisions regarding what to do next.

We had our big annual track meet this past week. I always enjoy helping out at the track meets.

I enjoy seeing the students strive to excel. Several students broke school records and that is always fun. But I really enjoy seeing those students who may not be the best in their event but who continue to work hard and improve. One girl ran the 3000 meter race and finished a whole lap behind the winners. I was so proud of her. She ran the whole way and even sprinted at the end.

She bettered her best time by quite a bit.

It is always interesting to hear some of the Nigerianisms, as we call them. These are Nigerian usage of English that differ from the way we would say things. Often we can figure out what they mean and even how they got to that way of using words but it really doesn't communicate to us what they meant it to until we interpret it. We heard one this past weekend. Our house help's son came to tell us his mom would not be at work on Monday. "Her older brother got lost and she had to go to the village." What he meant was that her older brother had died (She lost her older brother?) and she had to go to the village for the funeral. One Sunday the Pastor of the Nigerian church

prayed for those still on their way to the church that "they would fasten their feet to the church door." That creates quite an interesting picture in my mind. Where I think he got that idea was, if you make haste, then you hasten and so if you go fast, you fasten. He was praying that they would come quickly to church. Dan and I had a real struggle not to laugh during the prayer.

Last year we were praying for a local pastor, Pastor Ezekiel, who had cancer in his face and jaw.

The mission doctors did not offer him much

hope. Many people were praying for him. And the Lord answered in miraculous ways. He was able to get some chemotherapy. He goes for a final check up in December and if the doctors don't find any new cancer they will consider him completely healed.

We just found out that he will be ordained next week. It is amazing to see the way the Lord is working. Please pray for continued and complete healing for Pastor Ezekiel and that God will use him mightily to reach many with the Good News.

I have started an exercise program with several other women. We meet at 6 am and exercise for an hour. The first few days I wanted to go back home afterwards and

take a nap. I was so sore that it hurt to walk or sit down. It has gotten easier but I still can tell I am out of shape. I continue to do water aerobics three afternoons a week as well. With

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Thank you for your prayers.

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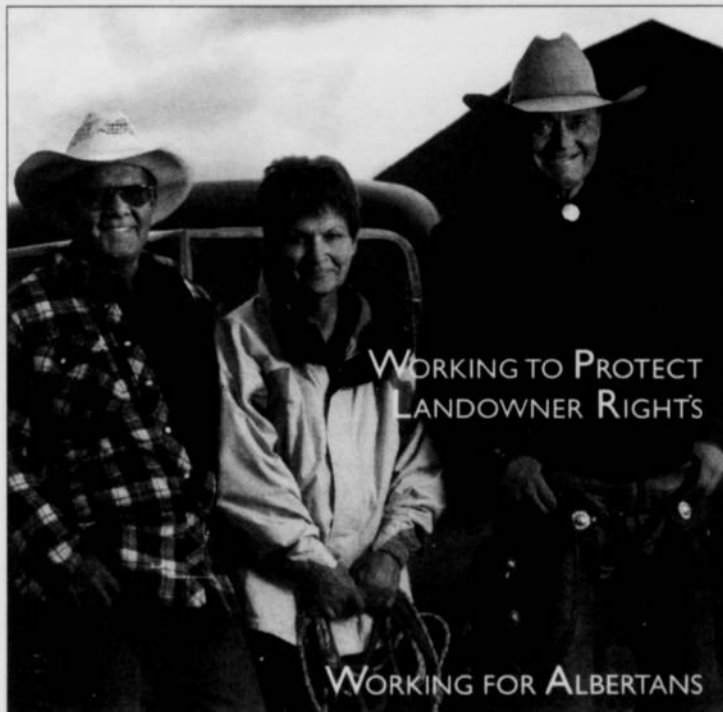
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## NEIGHBORHOOD

Focus on  
the Family

**QUESTION:** I could use some advice about a minor problem we're having. Tim, my 6-year-old son, loves to use silly names whenever he speaks to my husband and me. This past week it's been "You big hot dog." Nearly every time he sees me now he says, "Hi, Hot Dog." Before that it was "Dummy," then "Moose" (after he studied "M for Moose" in school).

I know it's silly and not a huge problem, but it gets so annoying after such a long time. He's been doing this for a year now. How can we get him to talk to us with more respect, calling us Mom or Dad, instead of Hot Dog and Moose?

**DR. DOBSON:** Ordinarily it would not be a big deal for a child to use a playful name for his parent. But that isn't what appears to be happening with Tim. It sounds more like a classic power game to me. And contrary to what you said, it is not so insignificant.

Your son is continuing to do something that he knows is irritating to you and your husband, yet you are unable to stop him. That is the issue. He has been using humor as a tactic of defiance for a full year.

It is time for you to sit down and have a quiet little talk with young Timothy. Tell him that he is being disrespectful, and that the next time he calls either you or his father a name of any kind, he will be punished.

You must then be prepared to deliver on the promise, because he will continue to challenge you until it ceases to be fun. That's the way he is made.

If that response never comes, his insults will probably become more pronounced. Appeasement for a strong-willed child is an invitation to warfare. This is the time to deal with it.

**QUESTION:** I would like to teach my own child about human sexuality, but I'm not sure I know how to go about it. Talk about the matter of timing. When do I say what?

**DR. DOBSON:** One of the most common mistakes made by parents and many overzealous educators is teaching too much too soon. One parent told me, for example, that the kindergarten children in her local district were shown films of animals in the act of copulation. That is unwise and dangerous!

Available evidence indicates that there are numerous hazards involved in moving too rapidly. Children can sustain a severe emotional jolt by being exposed to realities for which they are not prepared.

Furthermore, it is unwise to place the youngster on an informational timetable that will result in full awareness too early in life.

If 8-year-old children are given an understanding of mature sexual behavior, it is less likely that they will wait 10 or 12 years to apply this knowledge within the confines of marriage.

Generally speaking, children should be given the information they need at a particular age. Six-year-olds, for example, don't need to understand the pleasures of adult sexuality. They are not ready to deal with that concept at their developmental stage. They should be told where babies come from and how they are born.

Sometime between 6 and 9 years of age, depending on the maturity and interest of an individual (and what is being heard in the neighborhood), he or she ought to understand how conception occurs. The rest of the story can be told later in elementary school.

Admittedly, this ideal timetable can be turned upside down by exposure to precocious friends, racy videos or unwise adults.

When that occurs, you have to cope with the fallout as best as possible. It is regrettable that we expose our vulnerable children to far too much of the wrong kind of sexuality.

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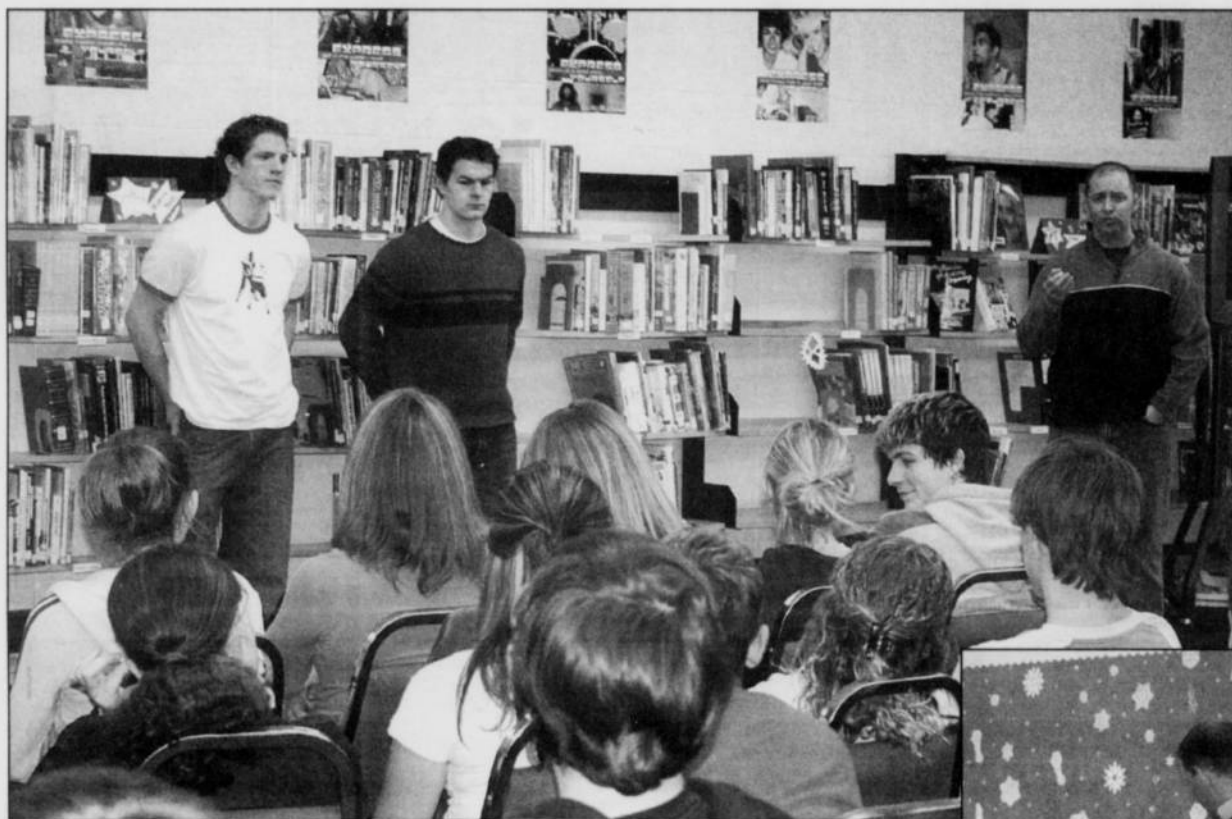
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## Rebels share their experiences in Vancouver



Left: Chris Neiszner and Colin Fraser from the Red Deer Rebels talk to the DHS students, along with Kevin Dugan of the Red Deer Drug Squad.

Right: Const. Reister from the Didsbury RCMP shows the students some of the different drugs.



-photos by Tamara Collins

by Tamara Collins

On Nov. 30th the Red Deer Rebels came to Didsbury to talk drugs to the Didsbury High School (DHS) students. Chris Neiszner and Colin Fraser are the two Rebels who presented the DHS students with some hard facts about drugs.

The two men both recently took trips to Vancouver to witness first hand the result of drug abuse.

"It is a really tough thing to see," said Neiszner. "We really seen it all. Every girl down there sells her body to

make money for drugs. We seen people stabbing themselves with a needle trying to find a vein, it was really awful."

Six of the Rebels are involved in this drug program, and they speak to teens once a week. Two players attend each presentation. Along with the Rebels was Kevin Dugan of the Red Deer Drug Squad, someone from the Drug Squad always accompanies the men.

Const. Reister of the Didsbury RCMP assisted Dugan in displaying the different drug samples for the students, in a case, and an-

swering their questions.

The Rebels also showed the students a video from Vancouver and the people they met. The video was very real displaying real situations and real people.

"Watching that video is still very hard," said Fraser. "Cause that is really what it is like there. It is scary."

Throughout the video and discussions the students remained quiet and attentive.

"This is a very good age group to target, they are susceptible to drugs and peer pressure," said Const. Reister. "The Rebels have

seen the extreme side of drug addiction. There is drug use in Didsbury, and there has been an increase in drug related crimes in our communities because of increasing property crimes and drug sales."

Reister said he believes drug use is more expected than ever.

"From the standpoint of a parent you have to be involved in your children's lives. Don't overlook anything, and be very open with your kids about drugs. Talk to them and be aware of who their friends are, who they are hanging out with."

If you believe your child does have a drug problem, Reister suggests counselling or AADAC.

"I met one guy who did his first hit and was addicted," said Neiszner. "He said it was the most amazing thing in the world. He tried and tried but he just could not get out of it. That's all it takes is one hit."

One thing everyone seemed to agree on was that all drug use started with marijuana.

"It is a gateway drug," said Fraser. "It stops being enough and you go looking for something bigger and better, it is like a chain reaction."



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In loving memory of a dear son,  
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December 7, 1986  
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From here to heaven above  
That keeps you ever close to us  
It's called a bridge of love  
As time goes by without you  
And the days slip into years  
They hold a host of memories  
And a million silent tears  
If roses grow in heaven Lord  
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Darwin, Diane & family  
Greg, Myrna & family

### Fulkerth-

In memory of my dear son  
Bernie (Biggie)  
who passed away  
December 8, 1994  
Ten years have passed since  
that sad day,  
When the one I loved  
was called away.  
I never ask for miracles, but  
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Nov. 8, 1935

to Dec. 8, 1994

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memories of you  
come our way.  
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but in our hearts  
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 Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Train Station, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

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 King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

**O.E.S. MEETING**  
 St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

**GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS**  
 Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

**SONS OF NORWAY**  
 Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

**CASH BINGO**  
 Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

**LEARNING DISABILITIES**  
 Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

**DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL**  
 is now accepting registrations for 2004-2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039

**DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS**  
 Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

**INFORMATION**  
 Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

**HOME HELP ASSOCIATION**  
 The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

**DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC**  
 Provides free accessible mental health services. Which inc. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

## OLDS

**MEETING**  
 Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

## OLDS

**W.H.O.A.S**  
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